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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices in the major terminal markets were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was seasonal with buyers interest shifting to holiday items. Supplies and offerings although not readily available were fully adequate for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was limited, but best interest noted on wings and thighs. Breast items were usually available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

**Final report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 11/03/03-11/07/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG
<b>Delivered to First Receivers</b>				
Bos/New Eng	58.00-63.00	59.95	19	61.96
Chicago	53.00-56.00	56.40	40	58.69
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	58.57
Denver	72.50	72.43	17	70.65
Detroit	55.00	57.18	11	60.24
Los Angeles	73.00	70.93	68	70.23
New York	58.00-61.00	59.50	22	61.39
Philadelphia	58.50-61.00	59.73	11	58.11
Pittsburgh	58.00-61.00	60.08	12	61.83
St. Louis	55.50-55.75	55.62	25	56.24
San Francisco	73.50	71.70	35	75.90
<b>Composite Weighted Average</b>				
Loads	11/03/03	Change/Last Wk	10/27/03	11/04/02
601	63.77	-0.27	64.04	54.11

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	60.00-62.00	61.03	27
Central	56.00-63.50	61.19	63
West	54.00-65.00	62.56	44
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>			
Mississippi	65.00-68.50	66.99	81

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 68.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,086	53.00-70.50	66.85

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	197.00	1,451
BREASTS - B/S	177.50	5,747
BREASTS - WHOLE	89.00	1,638
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.50	1,085
LEG QUARTERS	31.50	8,373
WINGS	92.50	3,056

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**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and unaggressive entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were sufficient for current needs, although, the 2.5 pound birds were noted in longest position. Retail and distributive movement was generally fair at best. The market tone was about steady on the 3 pound and larger birds, barely steady on the 2.5 pound sizes. In the parts complex, breast items were readily available. Wings were clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat cuts were sufficient.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was only moderate for adequate offerings. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair. Wings were in good balance and moving well, thighs were also clearing. Breast items were irregular, but overall available with mixed interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were unchanged from last Monday's levels. Trading reported for this week's deliveries mixed with small sized product unchanged to somewhat higher prices and heavy weights unchanged to lower prices. Offerings were fully adequate with heavy weights in the longest position. Retailer demand for whole body was moderate and good for parts, best to cover feature activities and specials. Dealers reported light to moderate weekend carryovers. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on wings barely steady to weak on leg quarters and about steady on balance of parts. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarters bulk 29.5-32.5 and 4/10s 32.5-37, breast bone-in 79.5-90 and boneless 145-148, wings 88-95. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 56.39 up .42 from last Monday with the volume reported up 3 percent to 31 loads.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Final majority delivered prices were unchanged from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady. Offerings were light to fair for the light buyer interest. Retail and food service movement was for the most part fair, instances moderate into fast food. Floor stocks were balanced to long. Weights desirable to heavy. Limited trade continued on parts as hand to mouth buying continues to be the norm. Supplies of wings remain close to short, breast items plentiful and dark meat cuts available. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, steady on dark meat and barely steady on breast items.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair and generally unaggressive entering the week. Offerings were at least adequate to fully adequate as buyers limited orders to regular commitments. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed but mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 60 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items were available, wings were sufficient. Other items were adequate to at least adequate.

**\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.**

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	57-70
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	62.68
NO. OF BOXES	9,189

\*7 of 7 plants reporting.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was light and unaggressive as dealers cautiously assessed the market entering the week. Offerings of breast items were available. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Wings were generally adequate. Retail and distributive movement was mostly fair, with best draw centering around scattered features. The market tone was barely steady on breast items and about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST

RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
	TRADING		AVG	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150	154.25	384,260	
TENDERLOINS	145	145.57	38,380	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	75-76	82.16	192,200	
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	76.58	102,920	
LEGS	38-39	39.26	243,120	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	29.47	349,627	
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	41.35	112,720	
THIGHS	29-30	38.48	79,110	
B/S THIGHS	84-85	91.36	47,680	
WINGS (WHOLE)	80-81	90.46	85,960	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.03	31,320	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	29.34	19,600	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	62.92	21,200	

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,887	128.00-204.00	137-145	141.38
TENDERLOINS	333	140.00-201.00	140	152.85
BREAST - WITH RIBS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	738	24.00-28.00	26	26.05
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,381	27.00-29.00	28	28.04
WINGS (WHOLE)	140	67.00-87.00	78-87	82.48
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	1,327	25.00-32.00	25-29	27.93

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	11/03	10/30	10/30	10/27	10/23
ALA	3,870	4,004	5.23	4,017	5.27
ARK	5,329	5,234	4.94	5,284	4.98
DELMARVA	2,231	2,248	5.38	2,297	5.38
KY-LA-TN	1,975	2,015	4.89	1,978	4.89
MISS	3,045	3,095	5.44	2,829	5.43
NC	2,419	2,401	6.20	2,312	6.27
TEXAS	2,509	2,561	4.83	2,495	5.49
TOTAL	21,378	21,558	5.23	21,212	5.33
MON	21,378(A)			21,212(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 03-Nov 2003 is estimated to be 31,984,000 up 0.48 percent from a week ago and up 3.53 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,831,000 last year 30,894,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	927	138.00-225.00	138-141	140.81
TENDERLOINS	175	140.00-212.00	142-147	152.18
BREAST - LINE RUN	90	79.00-92.00	82-84	83.03
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	152	29.00-50.00	33-35	34.61
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	247	24.00-29.00	25-26	26.27
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,785	26.75-33.00	29	28.85
WINGS (WHOLE)	114	85.00-89.00	88-89	87.91
WINGS (CUT)	728	94.00-110.00	-	99.51
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 03, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
46.50 - 52.00	49.51	49.84

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF NOV 03-NOV 07, 2003

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	131.00 - 162.00	143.00 - 151.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	76.00 - 101.00	78.00 - 81.00
LEGS	38.00 - 45.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26.00 - 32.00	28.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	30.00 - 44.00	-
THIGHS	29.00 - 40.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	79.00 - 95.00	80.00 - 84.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 39.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	39.00 - 45.00	-

#### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	86
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	89-93

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

600-625

#### **DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

FRESH FRYERS	91-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	60-63
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

#### **SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**

#### **DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 101-103
	ICE PACK 99-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 89-105
	ICE PACK 105
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 91
	DRY PACK 89
DUCKS	152-175

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

31-OCT-2003

**CHICKEN** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.75-22.00	18.00	1,334,000	1,254,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.06	18.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-30.00	11.00-15.00	2,2606,000	1,116,000
WTD AVERAGE	27.25	11.79		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	41,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for adequate to barely adequate offerings. Supplies of finished product was clearing easily. Processing schedules were less than normal to normal. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 03-NOV-03.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9	8.25-8.75	8.49
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

31-OCT-2003

**CHICKEN** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.00-22.00	13.00-18.00	202,400	-
WTD AVERAGE	20.00	16.33		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00-21.50	10.50-15.00	1,937,600	1,121,600
WTD AVERAGE	19.00	12.97		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading was slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for no better than adequate supplies of live fowl. Finished sales were at least moderate. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 03-NOV-03

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.75-11.5	8.5-9	8.93

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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